Resistance to anti-biotics by army Jawans

1488. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Army Jawans aire growing more and more resistant to anti-biotics;

(b) what is the extent of this resistance;

(c). what is this resistance due to; and

(d) what steps Government are taking in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Visit of US Defence Secretary to Jodhpur Air Base

1489. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the United States Secretary of Defence, during the course of his visit to India in January, 1995 was shown Jodhpur Air Base;

(b) whether it is also a fact that he was told of the problems being faced by the country in regard to inadequate supply of spares in respect of Russian Mig Aircraft.

(c) if so, the reasons for the proposed visit and the disclosure about inadequate supply of spares in respect of Russian Aircraft; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that this has been resented to by the Russian Mission here?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Air Officer Commanding in Chief of the South Western Air Command (SWAC) responded briezy to a query in this regard raised by the US Secretary of Defence.

(c) As a part of normal practice, visiting foreign Defence dignitaries are taken to some of our Defence establishments. The United States Secretary of Defence was taken on a visit to HQ SWAC and Air Force Station at Jodhpur. The response of AOC-in-C was in respect of certain types of aircraft in the SWAC and was not in respect-of all Russian aircraft with the Indian Air Force.

(d) Government has not received any such communication from the Mission.

Higher pension to ex-Soldiers

1490. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the 'Tribune' dated the 3rd February, 1995 under the caption "Ex-Soldiers deserve higher pensions";

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the newsitem it has been stated that Defence Forces personnel need a better deal in the matter of pay & allowances, terms and conditions of service and pensionary benefits.

(c) The Government have set up the Fifth Central Pay Commission. The terms of reference of the Pay Commission include conditions of service, pay structure and pensionary benefits *of* all the Central Government employees including the Armed Forces personnel.

Placement of orders with BEML

1491. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railway Ministry decreased its placement of

orders on Bharat Earth Movers Ltd. during 1993-94 and has placed No Orders' for further period commencing from 1994-95;

(b) whether Industry Ministry is ready to agree with the Railway Ministry on this matter; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken by Government to resume the orders for BEML?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir. Railways had placed orders on BEML for 250 Coaches and 150 Coaches during 1993-94 *aad 1994-95 respectively. On the request* of BEML Railways shifted the orders of 150 Coaches earmarked for 1994-95, to 1993-94. The Railways have also placed the orders for 18 Nos. of DC-EMU Coaches for the year 1994-95.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The Ministry of Defence has emphasised the need for placing the orders for 400 Coaches in order to ensure the capacity utilisation in BEML. The Minister for Railways. in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 550 for 15.3.1995, has stated that railways are likely to place orders for about 200 Coaches on BEML during 1995-96.

रक्षा उत्पादों का मूल्य-निर्धारण

1492. श्री जलेश्वर सिंघ : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 28 फरवरी, 1995 के "नवभारत टाइम्स", दिल्ली संस्करण में "रक्षा कारखानों की मनमानी कीमतों से सेना नाराज' शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने सरकारी क्षेत्र में विनिर्मित रक्षा उत्पादों के मूल्य निर्धारण के लिए किसी क्षतिक बल का गठन किया है ;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि स्वदेशी रक्षा साज-सामान की अत्यधिक कीमत के कारण देश की रक्षा तैयारी पर प्रतिकल प्रभाव पड़ रहा है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो सरकार इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है और उसका तथ्य-संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के रक्षा उपक्रमों और आयुध निर्माणियों में लागत लेखाकरण और मूल्य निर्धारण प्रणाली के बारे में हाल ही में एक सम्मेलन हुआ ।

सेमिनार में हुई आम सहमति के आधार पर, संबंधित प्राधिकारियों को ऐसे आवश्यक कदम उठाने के लिए अनुदेश जारी कर दिए गए हैं जिनसे लागत लेखाकरण और मूल्य निर्धारण प्रणाली अधिक प्रभावी, प्रबंधोन्मुख तथा संस्पष्ट होगी ।

दीर्घकालिक सुझावों को कार्यान्वित करने से पूर्व उनके संबंध में की जाने वाली कार्यवाही की जांच करने के लिए एक कार्य बल भी गठित किया गया है ।

(ग) और (घ) जी, नहीं ।

तथापि, यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिए कि सेनाओं को धन का सर्वाधिक फायदा हो, उत्पादकता में वृद्धि करने तथा उत्पादन लागत में कमी करने को सुनिश्चित करने के लिए कदम उठाए गए हैं ।

HDW submarines deal

1493. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will -the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether an enquiry was made into the alleged commission of Kickbacks involved in HDW sumbarines deal; and

(.b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The investigation by the Central Bureau of Investigation is yet to be completed.